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SUBJ: BANGLADESH FOOD SITUATION: USSR DIVERSIONS

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1. REFTTEL IN ERROR TO EXTENT THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS NOT "ANNOUNCED" AGREEMENT ON DIVERSION. HE RELAYED IT IN PRIVATE TO BDG ON 14 JULY. AS OF MORNING 18 JULY NO LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF ANY SORT ALTHOUGH NUMEROUS PARTIES SEEM TO KNOW OF INTENDED AGREEMENT. LID MAY BE ON UNTIL ACTUAL SIGNING.

2. SECRETARY PC INDICATED THAT ACTUAL AGREEMENT IS NOT FINALIZED BUT USSR HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO DIVERSION AND DETAILS ARE BEING FINALIZED.

3. UNROB HAS RAISED SEVERAL TECHNICAL LOGISTICAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE LIGHTERING OF THE PROPOSED SHIPMENTS AND A MEETING AMONG USSR, BDG AND UNROB REPRESENTATIVES IS SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON 18 JULY. UNROB OBJECTING ON HANDLING CAPACITY GROUNDS TO ABSOLUTE TERMS REPORTED IN DIVERSION AGREEMENT. UNROB HOPES TO HAVE ITEMS SUCH AS: 72 HOUR NOTICES, BDG STEVEDORING, CHITTAGONG ONLY DISCHARGE, NEW PRIORITIES, ETC. RELAXED TO FIT NORMAL BANGLADESH OPERATION

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PATTERNS. THEIR CONTENTION IS THAT THIS IS MORE OF THE SAME

AND CAN BE HANDLED WITHOUT UPSETTING THE WHOLE SYSTEM. BDG
REPORTEDLY THINKING OF ESTABLISHING MINISTRY-LEVEL EXPEDITING
COMMITTEE TO HANDLE USSR SHIPMENTS.

4. INITIAL DELIVERY DATE OF O/A 25 JULY APPARENTLY STILL VALID
BUT OTHER DETAILS STILL NOT KNOWN. ASSUMED FIRST SHIPS ARE
ENROUTE AROUND CAPE.

5. AS INITIAL POSITION WITH PC WE HAVE INDICATED THAT WE
ANTICIPATE REPAYMENT OF DIVERSION WILL COME FROM BDG
PURCHASES NEXT SPRING. RESPONSE INDICATES THEY MAY WANT TO
APPROACH U.S. FOR DIVERSION OF TITLE I GRAIN WHEN IT BECOMES
AVAILABLE.

6. WILL CONTINUE TO ADVISE ON PROCEEDINGS HERE. DECON 12/31/73.
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